



April 10, 2016

Ms. Victoria L. Beatley, Director of Finance/City Treasurer
City of Seal Beach
211 8th Street
Seal Beach, CA 90740-6379

Dear Ms. Beatley:

Subject: 2016-17 Annual Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (o) (1), the City of Seal Beach Successor Agency (Agency) submitted a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 (ROPS 16-17) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on January 28, 2016. Finance has completed its review of the ROPS 16-17.

Based on a sample of line items reviewed and application of the law, Finance made the following determinations:

- Item No. 2 – 2000 Tax Allocation Bond, Series B debt service payment in the amount of \$63,653. It is our understanding the Agency requested \$3,765 in excess of what is required to make the bond payment in the July through December 2016 period (ROPS A period). Therefore, with the Agency's consent, the debt service payment will be reduced to \$59,888. Therefore, the difference, \$3,765 (\$63,653 - \$59,888) is not eligible for Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Funds (RPTTF) on the ROPS.
- Item No. 10 – City of Seal Beach Loan repayments totaling \$242,649 for the ROPS 16-17 period are not allowed. HSC section 34191.4 (b) (3) (A) allows repayment to be equal to one-half of the increase between the ROPS residual pass-through distributed to the taxing entities in that fiscal year and the ROPS residual pass-through distributed to the taxing entities in the fiscal year 2012-13 base year.

According to the Orange County Auditor-Controller's report, the ROPS residual pass-through amount distributed to the taxing entities for fiscal year 2012-13 and 2015-16 are \$620,119 and \$407,826, respectively. Therefore, pursuant to the repayment formula, the maximum repayment amount authorized for the ROPS 16-17 period is zero.

Therefore, the Agency is not eligible for RPTTF funding of \$242,649. The Agency may be eligible for funding on subsequent ROPS.

Except for the items denied in whole or in part or the items that have been adjusted, Finance is not objecting to the remaining items listed on your ROPS 16-17. If you disagree with Finance's determination with respect to any items on your ROPS 16-17, except for those items which are the subject of litigation disputing Finance's previous or related determinations, you may request

a Meet and Confer within five business days of the date of this letter. The Meet and Confer process and guidelines are available at Finance's website below:

http://www.dof.ca.gov/redevelopment/meet_and_confer/

On the ROPS 16-17 form, the Agency reported cash balances and activity for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Finance performs a review of the Agency's self-reported cash balances on an ongoing basis. Be prepared to submit financial records and bridging documents to support the cash balances reported upon request. If it is determined the Agency possesses cash balances that are available to pay approved enforceable obligations, HSC section 34177 (l) (1) (E) requires these balances to be used prior to requesting RPTTF.

The Agency's maximum approved RPTTF distribution for the reporting period is \$994,456 as summarized in the Approved RPTTF Distribution Table on Page 4 (See Attachment).

ROPS distributions will occur twice annually, one distribution for the July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 (ROPS A period), and one distribution for the January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017 (ROPS B period) based on Finance's approved amounts. Since Finance's determination is for the entire ROPS 16-17 period, the Agency is authorized to receive up to the maximum approved RPTTF through the combined ROPS A and B period distributions.

On the ROPS 16-17 form, the Agency was not required to report the estimated obligations versus actual payments (prior period adjustment) associated with the July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 period (ROPS 15-16A). The Agency will report actual payments for ROPS 15-16A and ROPS 15-16B on the ROPS 18-19 form pursuant to HSC section 34186 (a) (1). A prior period adjustment will be applied to the Agency's future RPTTF distribution. Therefore, the Agency should retain any difference in unexpended RPTTF.

Please refer to the ROPS 16-17 schedule used to calculate the total RPTTF approved for distribution:

<http://www.dof.ca.gov/redevelopment/ROPS>

Absent a Meet and Confer, this is Finance's determination related to the enforceable obligations reported on your ROPS for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. This determination only applies to items when funding was requested for the 12-month period. Finance's determination is effective for this time period only and should not be conclusively relied upon for future ROPS periods. All items listed on a future ROPS are subject to review and may be denied even if it was not denied on this ROPS or a preceding ROPS. The only exception is for items that have received a Final and Conclusive determination from Finance pursuant to HSC section 34177.5 (i). Finance's review of Final and Conclusive items is limited to confirming the scheduled payments as required by the obligation.

The amount available from the RPTTF is the same as the amount of property tax increment available prior to the enactment of the redevelopment dissolution statutes. Therefore, as a practical matter, the ability to fund the items on the ROPS with property tax is limited to the amount of funding available to the Agency in the RPTTF.

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Please direct inquiries to Nichelle Thomas, Supervisor, or Alexander Watt, Lead Analyst at (916) 445-1546.

Sincerely,



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Program Budget Manager

cc: Ms. Alayna Hoang, Finance Manager, City of Seal Beach
Mr. Frank Davies, Property Tax Manager, Orange County

Attachment

Approved RPTTF Distribution			
For the period of July 2016 through June 2017			
	ROPS A Period	ROPS B Period	Total
Requested RPTTF (excluding administrative obligations)	\$ 978,215	\$ 141,959	\$ 1,120,174
Requested Administrative RPTTF	59,223	61,473	120,696
Total RPTTF requested for obligations on ROPS 16-17	1,037,438	203,432	\$ 1,240,870
Total RPTTF requested	978,215	141,959	1,120,174
<u>Denied Items</u>			
Item No. 2	(3,765)	0	(3,765)
Item No. 10	(242,649)	0	(242,649)
Total RPTTF authorized	731,801	141,959	\$ 873,760
Total Administrative RPTTF authorized	59,223	61,473	\$ 120,696
Total RPTTF approved for distribution	791,024	203,432	\$ 994,456